

THE CONTI OF LONDON REPROVED



For its Abominations, which doth concern all the INHABITANTS thereof that are Guilty.

Repent thou Bloody City, (who doth, and hath long Crucified the Just, and caused Him to suffer;) whose *Pride* and *Hypocrisie*, *Deceit* and *Dissembling*, hath reached unto Heaven; the God of Heaven hath seen thy *Abomination*, and the *Cup of flatteries*, and *deceitful Abominations* that thou hast given to the *Heads* of this Nation, and doth give to every *Change of Government*, and every *Power* that comes up to *Rule*; thou can bow in thy *deceitful flatteries*, according to the *Priests* of the Nation, for thy own Ends: But the Righteous God hath seen you all, and doth see you, and he will uncover you, and lay your *Abominations* open, and rend off all your *false Coverings*, under which you may hide your selves from Men; but the Lord sees through them, And He will *Uncover you*, and make your *nakednesse* appear, yea your *professing Coverings*, and *out-side adorning*, and *seeming Religion*, under which you have Committed great Abominations, and *Dissembling* both with God and Man; the day is come wherein you cannot hide your selves.

Doth not even the Witness of God in your own Consciences, that Bears Testimony for the Truth of God; This that tells you, *You should deal singly and uprightly with all men*, this that tells you, *You should do unto all men as you would have them do unto you*; Doth not this bear Testimony to your very Faces, that you are *deceitful* and *dissembling Hypocrites*, *Time-servers*, and *Men-pleasers*, that have so used your *Wit* and *Policy*, and acted so in *Deceit*, *Dissembling* and *Hypocrisie*, that the most part of you have kept your selves out of Sufferings all these times of Suffering, which have been nigh twenty years; And few or none in the Nation have escaped the *Scourge of Suffering* as you have done; but they have suffered by one party or another, which you have escaped through your *Policy* and *Subtily*? — Did you not *strengthen, uphold and maintain*, with all your force and strength, the long Parliament against the King and those that were with him? And did you not *Feast them* and bow under them for your own ends? And did you not *Feast Oliver Cromwell*, with as much *Acclamation* and *Solemnity* as your Hearts could invent? Is not your *Feasting* only to please men? but it is a great *Abomination* to the Lord and *destructive* to the Creation: Oh the *excesse*, and *Abomination*, and *wicked inventions* that are exercised by you at such times! they are even heavy to bear; surely God hath seen it, and he will reward you according to your *Workes*.

And surely, if the Lord had not amongst you a Seed, you should be as *Sodom*, and be made even like unto *Gomorah*: For the Lord may well say unto you, *The shew of your Countenance doth VVitness against you, and you declare your sin as Sodom*, and he is it not, you strengthen the Hands of the wicked, that none can return from his wickedness: And you are unto the Lord as *Sodom* and *Gomorah*, and it may well be said unto you, as it was unto *Jerusalem*, *It will be more tollerable for Sodom and Gomorah in the day of Judgement then for you*; For you have been the destruction of many Nations, in that you have made so much Profession of God, and of *Christ*, and of the *Scriptures*, but the fruits that you have brought forth, hath been *Pride*, *Hypocrisie* and *Deceit*, *Fulness of Bread*, *Excess of Riot* and *Drunkennes*, *Chambering* and *Wantonness*, yea all *Sin* and *Abomination* that could be committed: Inso much that the very *Hearb*ens in several parts of the World, are even ashamed of your practices; Your *Deceit* and *Dissembling* is so manifested among people, that have not made such a Profession, that even the Name of a *Christian* is odious in many parts of the World. But this is the Fruits that your much *Preaching* and *Profession* brings forth, which is not in the *Life* and *Power* of God, and so is even a stinke to the Nations: Well may the Lord say, *How shall I pardon thee for this? Thy Children have forsaken me, when I had fed them to the full, then they committed Adultery, and assembled themselves by Troops, they were as fed Horses in the morning; Shall I not visit for these things saith the Lord? And Shall not my soul be avenged on such a Nation as this? Go ye up upon her walls and destroy, but make not a full end: Take away her Battlements, for they are not the Lords. Surely the Lord hath seen, and doth see the abomination and wickedness that is committed, and set up, and countenanced among you; and he cannot passe by it, but must avenge the Abomination of it.*

Can your Hearts endure, or can your Hands be strong in the dayes that the Lord doth deal with you according to your works, who despiseth the day of the Lord, and despiseth his People, and will have none of his *Wayes*, nor none of his *Counsell*; but will have those *wayes* and *worships* in which you may have *Liberty* to act according to your own hearts *Lust*, and according to the *evill* of your *wayes*, and *abominations* of your hearts? But the day of the Lord is come, which will burn as an *Oven*, and the wicked, and them that do wickedly, will be before him as *Stubble*; and then What will you answer him? When the Lord pleads with you by *Sword* and by *Fire*, how can you stand in his Presence, who hath *Alted* against him, and are in continuall *Rebellion* against the God of Heaven, spending his *Creatures* upon your *Lusts*, and setting your Hearts to work *Abomination* against him, by all *wayes* that you can invent? What can you Plead for your selves, when he comes to call you to an account for those things? Can you say to him that you acted those things to please men, and to *humour* men, and to turn mens hearts towards you for your own ends, though they have been one against another, and yet really true to none but for serving of your time? Will this stand before a just and Righteous God, who can by no means clear the guilty? I tell you, *Nay*.

Oh Consider in this your day the things that belong to your Peace: Ye know not how near the hand of the Lord may be to smite you, for you have been a *Sinful*, *Provoking*, and *Aggravating* People against God, and unto this very day abound in *Pride* and *Wickedness*: And you have been warned from the Lord by a *dispersed People*, by which God will be clear from your blood; though you have taken little notice, and given little regard, yet God will be thereby justified, and you condemned: So if you love your souls, Repent, and turn to the Lord, and put away the *evill* of your Doings; Cease to do *evill*, and learn to do *well*, that the Lord may have mercy on you, Who delights in mercy: At the time of Ignorance God wincked, but now he warns all men every where to repent: And remember that you are once more Warned.

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